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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home. Actress *Madeleine Clive* will entertain with scenes from her dramatic repertory. Cash bar.

Tuesday, May 20, 8 p.m. — Concert with Janis V. Klavins, bass-baritone; Harry Zaratzian, violist; and Ilse Sass, pianist. Cash bar. (Page 3)

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. — "Headliners Dinner" to feature businessman-philosopher Christopher G. Janus. Topic: quest for the bones of the Peking Man which has held world attention since their disappearance from China in WW II. Cash bar: 5:30 p.m. Buffet dinner: 6:30 p.m., \$8.00 including tax and gratuities. Reservations. (Page 1)

Thursday, May 22, 12 Noon — Deadline: OPC Bulletin of June 1.

Thursday, May 22, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home, *Felice Levin*, Ford Foundation Consultant and researcher/writer for other prestigious nonprofit institutions. Question: How Firm Our Foundations. Cash bar.

Monday, May 26 — OPC office, bar and dining room will be closed.

Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home with *Larry Stessin*. A switcheroo. Our "Talking Shop With ..." expert talks shop about his recent high-level-street-level tour of the Mideast. Cash bar.

Thursday, May 29, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home with *Will Yolen*, who is at home anywhere in the world, especially if the world on his string is a kite. Cash bar.

Tuesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home with OPC Governor *Joe Peters*. Maintaining close liaison with our non-resident and overseas members: How & Why? Cash bar.

Wednesday, June 4, 12 Noon — "Headliner Luncheon" to feature Dr. S. Spencer Grin, Publisher, Saturday Review/World. Topic: Report on an extensive, unofficial peace mission to the Mideast. Luncheon: \$7.50 including tax and gratuities. Reservations.

'HEADLINERS DINNER' WED. MAY 21

By DAVID ANDERSON

An experimental, informal "Headliners Dinner" will be held on Wed., May 21, 5:30 p.m., at which businessman-philosopher Christopher G. Janus will exchange views with Club members, guests and scientific colleagues on the quest for the bones of the Peking Man which has held world attention since their disappearance from China at the outbreak of World War II.

Since Mr. Janus visited China in 1972 to see the Peking Man Museum, he has devoted much of his time to the search for the remains of an extinct ancestor of modern man who inhabited the Asian steppes more than 500,000 years ago. The bones of the Peking Man were unearthed in the mid-20's in China only to vanish at the time of Pearl Harbor.

John Noble Wilford has written in the *New York Times* that the case of the Peking Man has all the ingredients of an Eric Ambler suspense novel — "anonymous telephone calls, dark hints of past violence and possible reprisals" and secret meetings in New York, Swiss warehouses and Japanese prison camps.

Mr. Janus will discuss his part in the worldwide search which he has detailed in a current book, "The Search for Peking Man."

Upon graduation from Harvard as a philosophy major, Mr. Janus went on to Oxford for further studies. He later served as a reporter for the *Chicago Daily News* and a feature writer for the *New York Times Magazine*. For the past ten years he has been a special projects developer for Bache and Co. in Chicago. He is also publisher of the quarterly, *Greek Heritage*, and is a member of the board of trustees of *Poetry Magazine*. See calendar for price.

NEW LOOK

Some months ago, the Bulletin Committee considered new ideas in graphics, layout and name for our masthead. It was the consensus that *OPC Bulletin* was more appropriate than *The Bulletin*, and that a more modern type be used. Also, that our address and dateline be set in one line. These changes are effective with this issue.

'HAPPY HOUR' TAB ON BAR BRANDS MAKES COMEBACK

Happy Hours are here again!

From 5 to 7 p.m., all bar-brand drinks are now \$1.25, plus tax and tip, a distinct saving for OPC members over regular prices (\$1.50 and up). This is a generous gesture from the Hotel Biltmore management.

So, cheers! Here's to the OPC and to the Biltmore!

10-DAY EUROPEAN EXCURSION PLANNED

A ten-day, OPC-sponsored trip to Europe is being planned for the Labor Day weekend — August 29 through September 7. President *Jack Raymond* has appointed *Sandy Powers* as Tour Chairman with instructions to sound out the membership on possible participation.

While in London, members will visit the new clubhouse of the London Press Club and meet with top British officials. *Joe Peters*, overseas liaison chairman, points out that the OPC has a newly reactivated regional chapter in London, and they will cooperate on the project.

Also on the tentative agenda is a hovercraft trip to France with meetings in Paris as well as a tour of

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Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail At Home. *Warren Goodman*, reporting on trip to the great Southwest in search of aviation and other stories. Cash bar.

Friday, August 29 to Sunday, September 7 — OPC-sponsored trip to Europe. (Page 1)

RESERVATIONS: Please call *Mary Novick*, 687-2430. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ELECTION RESULTS

At the annual membership meeting on April 30, Jack Frummer, chairman of the Election Committee, announced the election of the following governors. Asterisk (*) denotes incumbent.

Active Governors

*Grace Naismith *Rosalind Massow
*Ralph R. Schulz *Marguerite Cartwright
*Lawrence Stessin John L. Scott

Alternates

*Ralph Leviton Jean Shepherd
Robert Moskin *Donald Shannon

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Jay Brennan

Alternates

*Jack Galub Harry Rand

NEW MEMBERS

Active Resident

Herbert E. Meyer, Associate Editor, Fortune Magazine.

Associate Resident

Ingrid Hallen Coleman, Associate Editor, Patricia Lewis Literary Agency.

Werner Mark Linz, President and Editor-in-Chief, The Seabury Press.

J. Wandres, Managing Editor, Retirement Living Magazine.

Under 30

Jefferson Glassover, Promotion Manager, Village Voice.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Active Non-Resident

Robert Farr, McGraw Hill Book Company.
SPONSORS: Louis Calderoni, Joseph Peters.

Associate Resident

Joseph Duome, Senior Vice President, Albert Frank, Guenther Law.
SPONSORS: John Gunther, Charles Schreiber.

Virginia White, Director of Sponsored Research, City University.
SPONSORS: Charles Robbins, Janice Robbins.

Associate Non-Resident

Annette Nancarrow, Art Editor, Dan James, Mexico.
SPONSORS: Robert Benjamin, Louis Calderoni.

Affiliate

Laurel Kovacik, Free Lance Author, Writer.
SPONSORS: John Gunther, Louis Calderoni.

REINSTATEMENTS

Associate Resident

James C. O'Neill, Assistant Director, Press Relations, Catholic Relief Services.
Richard L. Stanley, Editor-Publisher, Real Estate Forum.

Active Non-Resident

Thomas B. Mechling, Co-Editor, Washington Watch.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER



Jim Menditto, Club Manager, Mrs. Mary Novick, secretary and events coordinator, and Mrs. Fay Adler, bookkeeper (l to r).
(Photos by Ralph Salazar)

MENDITTO 20 YEARS WITH CLUB

By SUSAN F. ROBERTS

May 22, the day he officially went on the payroll in 1955, is the date of James E. Menditto's 20th anniversary with the Overseas Press Club of America.

Before then, he worked for a few months, part time, in the business office where his cousin, Richard Stincone, was office manager. It was the late James V.



JAMES E. MENDITTO

Foley, then club manager, who approached him one evening about be-

coming night bartender at the old club on 39th Street.

He has moved with the Club ever since—from the days at the Republican Club on 40th Street where he worked a 12-hour day as head bartender and acting night manager, to the National Democratic Club on 37th Street where he was named manager of the OPC, to the Time-Life Building, and then to the Women's National Republican Club at 3 West 51st Street; and finally, to the Hotel Biltmore on 43rd Street and Madison Avenue where the club moved in January 1974. Here he recently had time to pause, courteous as ever, for only a moment to reflect on all the "wonderful" people he has known in these last tumultuous twenty years.

Obviously, Jim Menditto is still logging a twelve-hour day.

EXCURSION. . .

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Normandy and Brittany. And if time permits, an overnight trip to the Edinburgh Festival.

Powers has promised a very attractive hotel package and says basic flight costs via TWA or BOAC will be about \$364 each for a minimum of 40 members. Lower charter rates would require at least 150 participating members. Either way, space must be blocked out now to insure space in September.

If you are even tentatively interested, write or phone Mary Novick (687-2430) as soon as possible. This

will not constitute a final commitment. To get the trip on the road we must get a show of hands now.

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OBITUARY

Dr. James H. Sheldon, a leading New York ecumenist and supporter of humanitarian causes, died on April 16 of a heart attack while addressing the United Nations Association of the United States. He was 67 years old and lived at 309 West 57th Street, N.Y.C.

Dr. Sheldon joined the OPC in 1954 and had served as a vice president and treasurer.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Sheldon served the Council of Churches of the City of New York as a board member, chairman of the executive committee and chairman of the department of information.

A longtime supporter and advocate of the cause of Soviet Jewry, Dr. Sheldon was also a member of the New York City Committee of Religious Leaders and chairman of the New York chapter of the United Nations Association. He was a member of the executive committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through Religion, a director and secretary of the Society for the Prevention of World War III and a director of the Foundation for African Education.

Born in Marietta, Ohio, Dr. Sheldon graduated from Marietta College in 1927 and earned a master's degree in political science at Harvard in 1928.

Dr. Sheldon is survived by his widow, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

REGIONAL REPORT

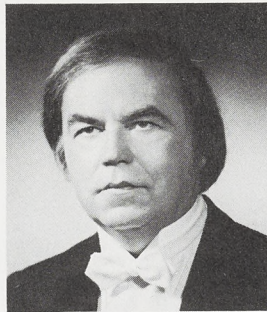
FROM BONN

By KARL KOCH

Barrows Mussey (Advertising Age), New England chronicler and long-time resident of Duesseldorf, receiving book assignment from Munich publishing house for New England story to come out next spring. That's one way to beat the buck slump: earn DM's. ABC's Don Farmer leaving Bonn for Washington D.C. re-assignment. John Emery (McGraw Hill publications prexy) accompanied by Jack Patten McG-H Euro sales) on periodic news buo inspection tour dining Bob Ingersoll (McG-H Bonn buochief) and office staff at Maternus'. They must have passed muster. Murry Seegar (ex-LAT Moscow) replacing Joe Alex Morris off to head LATimes Beirut buo. Mike Gettler (ex-Pentagon WP) in place of John Goshko returning to Wash. D.C. Jim Browning (Westinghouse B'dcasting) off covering Saigon's last gasp. Bob

3 ARTISTS TO GIVE OPC CONCERT MAY 20

An unusual concert will be given at the Club on Tuesday, May 20th at 8:00 p.m. by Janis V. Klavins, bass-baritone, and Harry Zaratzian, former solo violist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, both accompanied by Ilse Sass, pianist.



JANIS V. KLAVINS

concert halls throughout the United States and Canada, as a lieder singer. He presented his first recital in this country at Carnegie Hall in 1964. The Christian Science Monitor wrote:

"His voice possesses a smooth velvety tone ... highly disciplined, versatile and capable of conveying poetic subtleties and changing moods." In his career as a medical scientist and educator, Dr. Klavins is Director of Laboratories at Queens Hospital Center, and Professor of Pathology at the State University of New York.



ILSE SASS

Harry Zaratzian, former solo violist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, is a member of the Kroll Quartet, and also has been a participant of the Marlboro Music Festival. Ilse Sass, pianist, was graduated from Cologne Conservatory, and has given many recitals throughout Europe.

Jack Frummer, Music Chairman, will preside.

McNamara settling in CBS promptly sent off on Portugal assignment. Ernie Weatherall (ABC-News) returning from oft-holding stint in London while staffers there cover the Saigon scene. Paul Kemezis (NYT-Brussels) in Bonn pending possible transfer as correspondent with NYTimes buo chief Craig Whitney.

Dr. Klavins has performed at



HARRY ZARATZIAN

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

NEW LOOK: Fred Kerner, away from New York for six years as editorial director of the book division of The Reader's Digest in Canada, is now director of publishing services for Harlequin Enterprises Limited, a rapidly growing Canadian publishing complex with operations in the U.S., U.K., Australia and Holland ... **Albert Peterson** is liaison representative to national organizations for the National Retired Teachers Association-American Association of Retired Persons, based in Washington. Membership exceeds 8 million. Al used to edit the *OPC Bulletin* in the '60's and sends greetings to **Dave Resnick**, **Wendell Sether**, **Ralph Salazar** and "Jimmy, The Boss."

PUBLISHING EVENTS: "News-break," our OPC book of the world's greatest stories, written by OPC members, is featured in the windows of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich book store. Have you ordered your copy? ... **Robert S. Kane**, travel guide author and former president of the Society of American Travel Writers, has written his 10th book - "Hawaii A to Z." Doubleday ... **Bernard Covit** and wife, Sara (he says she is "beyootiful and English") have completed their new 6th edition of the "Official Directory & Guide Book for Tahiti." In New York, the first time in 15 years, from French Polynesia, they will take a "dream-freighter voyage" to England where they plan a new publication ...

TRAVELING: **Rosalind Massow**, on assignment in Costa Rica, entertained by OPCer, **Jack Fendall** and wife, Ruth ... **DeWitt Davidson**, traveling everywhere ... **Stella Margold**, sailing on the SS Hellas to Middle East, covering the International Chamber of Commerce Congress in Spain.

ILL: **Frazier Dickson**, who worked on copy desks at the N.Y. Herald Tribune, The Daily News, the old Journal American and the Chicago Sun-Times, is in New York Hospital where he underwent major surgery recently.

EXHIBIT: An exhibit of 1948-49 Berlin blockade photos by *Henry Ries* will be opened on Wednesday, May 28, at 6 p.m. at Goethe House, 1014 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C. With Mr. Ries will be his wife, Ann Stringer, WWII war correspondent for UP. Free, Mondays to Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until July 11, and again from September 2-19.

CONSUMER REPORTING AWARDS ANNOUNCED

By THOMAS J. KRANER

The second annual National Press Club Awards for excellence in consumer reporting have been announced. The awards are sponsored by Montgomery Ward.

Total cash awards of \$10,000 and a Certificate of Recognition in the newspaper and wire service, magazine, newsletter, book, and radio and TV station and network programs categories will be given.

The contest is open to any news-person who receives no less than 50% of his or her income from such work. Only works published or aired during the calendar year 1974 will be considered. Entries must have been produced for public dissemination - no house organ, pamphlets, theses, reports or other such material will be considered.

Although the official deadline for the contest is April 30th, entries will be accepted up to May 31st, provided entrants indicate they are members of the Overseas Press Club of America.

Entries must be addressed to the Awards Committee, National Press Club, National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045. Entries must be mailed; none will be accepted in person at the Club offices. None will be returned.

Each entry must be accompanied by a letter from the entrant containing the entrant's name, address, occupation and employer unless self-employed. Each accompanying letter must spell out in detail the impact of the entry on the community and the service it performed - in essence, the importance of the entry.

Winners will be notified by the National Press Club of their selection sometime in September.

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